

Press Release-***for Immediate Release***

To celebrate the ***Week of the Young Child***, the **Mansfield Advocates for Children Committee**, in conjunction with the ***Mansfield-One Book...So Many Stories! Committee***, will host a special event at the **Mansfield Public Library-Buchanan Center** on Saturday, April 20th from **10:30 A.M.** until **12:00 Noon**. **This is a parent with child event!**

The focus of the day will be on LITERACY and PHYSICAL ACTIVITY for children 0 to 5 years old. We will have a special reading of the book Hop, Hop, Jump!, written by Lauren Thompson and illustrated by Jarrett Krosoczka. The reading will be followed by music and movement and activity centers related to the topics. We will feature a local improvisational storyteller, a local illustrator and have invited all Mansfield's Early Care and Education Programs and Home Child Care Programs to participate in a variety of ways. The committee will be assisted by volunteers from University of Connecticut Community Outreach-Jumpstart and America Reads volunteers and from Quinnebaug Valley Community College-Early Childhood Education student teachers.

If you are interested in additional information please contact Mary Jane Newman at 860-487-0062 or mdd@mansfieldct.org or find us on **facebook at** www.facebook.com/mansfieldonebook.